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TECHNIQUES FOR HARVESTING OF CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has developed suitable techniques for reducing the wastage during harvesting of crops by the farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the percentage of farmers benefited so far from the said techniques; and

(d) the efforts being made to streamline the work being done in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of various techniques of harvesting of crops are given in Annexure-I.

(c) About 25% wheat and paddy farmers have been benefited so far from the improved harvesting techniques in India.

(d) The emphasis is towards developing techniques of harvesting which are more cost effective and precise. Steps have been initiated for development of harvesting machines for cotton, sugarcane and horticultural crops. Frontline demonstrations and multi-location trials of the already developed harvesting techniques are being conducted.